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For: CONDUIT COUPLING DEVICE)	
AND METHODS FOR)	
EMPLOYING SUCH DEVICES)	

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, of which the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") notified Applicants on November 19, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 7 of this paper.

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